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STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SILK INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four-day world congress of the International Silk Association was held in Bangalore on December 3, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the main subjects discussed therein;

(c) whether the Government have announced five point strategy for silk industry development;

(d) if so, the details of the strategy; and

(e) the time by which it would be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a)& (b) Yes Sir, International Silk Association held its 23rd Congress in Bangalore from 3rd to 6th December, 2001 to which its members were delegates. The Congress discussed technical as well as trade and market related issues. Sessions included the presentation of papers by delegates and discussions in regard to Sericulture and Reeling, Trade in raw silk, Trade in silk waste, Trade in thrown silk, Weaving, Trade in silk fabrics, silk furnishing, Dyeing, printing and finishing of silk, Technology and Research.

(c) to (e)Government have announced a National Textile Policy which lists steps in order to achieve international standard in all varieties of silk. The steps include the following five: -

i. Improving Research & Development and the effective transfer of technology at all stages;

ii. Considerably improving the production of non-mulberry varieties of silk;

iii. Augmenting efforts for the spread of bivoltine sericulture;

iv. Encouraging clustering of activities of reeling and weaving and strengthen linkages between the producers and industry;

v. Periodically reviewing the import policy for raw silk taking into account the balanced interests of the sericulturists as well as export manufacturers.

The X Five Year Plan has been drawn up to give effect to the above steps.